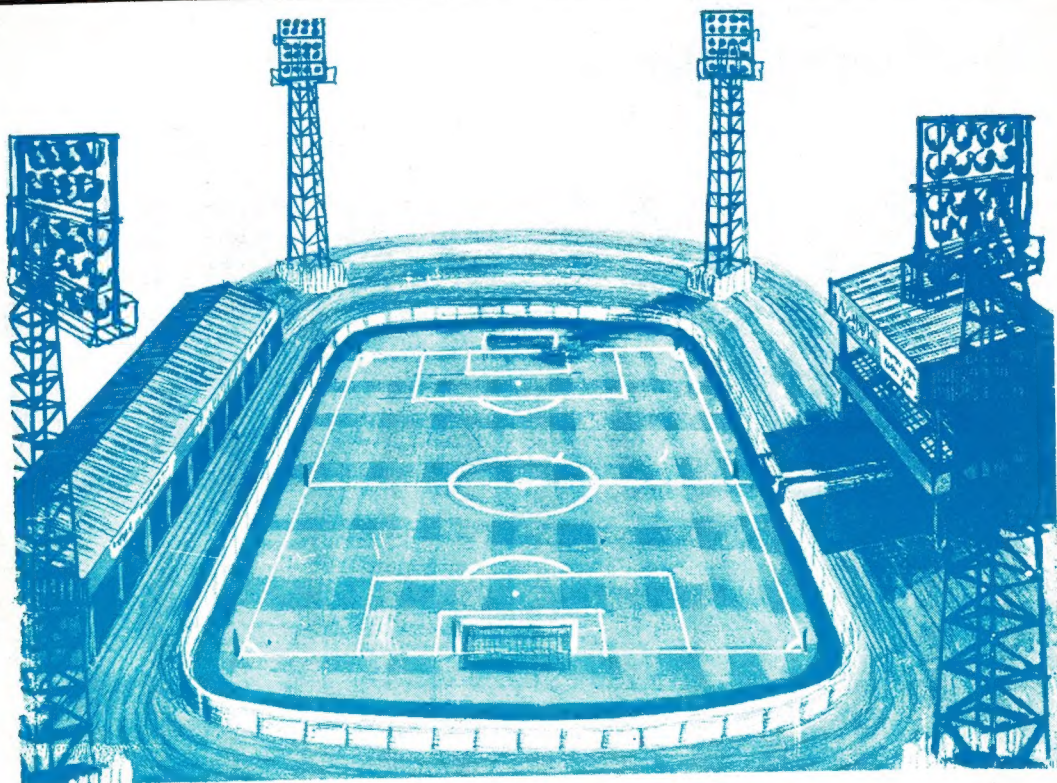


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At the present time our opponents are leading the First Division and obviously will be a hard team to beat—many of their players are sought by English clubs, some probably would command large fees if they crossed the border.

Games that have been played against Scots clubs over the years have always been entertaining. I can recollect such games as St. Mirren, Hibs, Clyde, St. Johnstone, Raith Rovers all being attractive and interesting games at Springfield park, whilst away we have had games with Stranraer and Stirling Albion which have been quite entertaining.

Our journey to Stirling Albion in the early sixties proved to be quite a sensation. It was the first time a Wigan Athletic team had travelled by 'plane—the headline in the local press was "Wigan take to the skies."

Although the journey outward was quite pleasant the return journey was quite the opposite. On arrival at Renfrew Airport for the 8 p.m. return journey we were told that the plane had broken down and we would have to wait for repairs. They could they said, take about nine of the party home on schedule in a small Dakota aircraft, the rest had to wait for the Viscount to be repaired. This plane arrived at midnight to take the rest of the party home.

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A word from the Manager

This evening we welcome Dundee Football Club to Springfield Park. They are currently topping the Scottish First Division and have always been regarded as one of the classiest outfits in Scotland, and I am sure Latics fans will enjoy a feast of good football from them tonight.

Dundee are managed by Tommy Gemmell, one of the best full-backs ever to don the dark blue of Scotland. Most of Tommy's career was spent at Celtic Park, and he played a prominent part when Celtic became the first British team to win the European Cup. His opening goal against Inter Milan was a gem and put the Glasgow side well on the road to victory.

MATCHES VERSUS SCOTTISH SIDES

Over the past eight or nine years we have played against quite a few sides from north of the border, and all have been very interesting games. At present I feel we are on the credit side having beaten St. Johnstone, Clyde, drawing with Raith, Hibs, and Stranraer, and our only reverse being against Airdrie.

We have also had a fair sampling of Scots lads playing with great credit in the Latics colours. A few to note being Billy Sutherland, Jim Fleming, David Breen, and currently John Wilkie and Ian Purdie, and our half-Scotsman Noel Ward. Also the name of Duncan Colquhoun, our physiotherapist springs readily to mind, and although Dunc still has a Scottish accent he has been at Wigan so long he occasionally lapses into the local 'lingo'. But I don't hold that against him.

In conclusion, I would once again welcome Tommy Gemmell and his very able Scottish side, and trust we have an enjoyable match tonight.

IAN McNEILL, Manager.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Next Home Match—

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1978 — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

WIGAN ATHLETIC v. READING

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1978 — Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

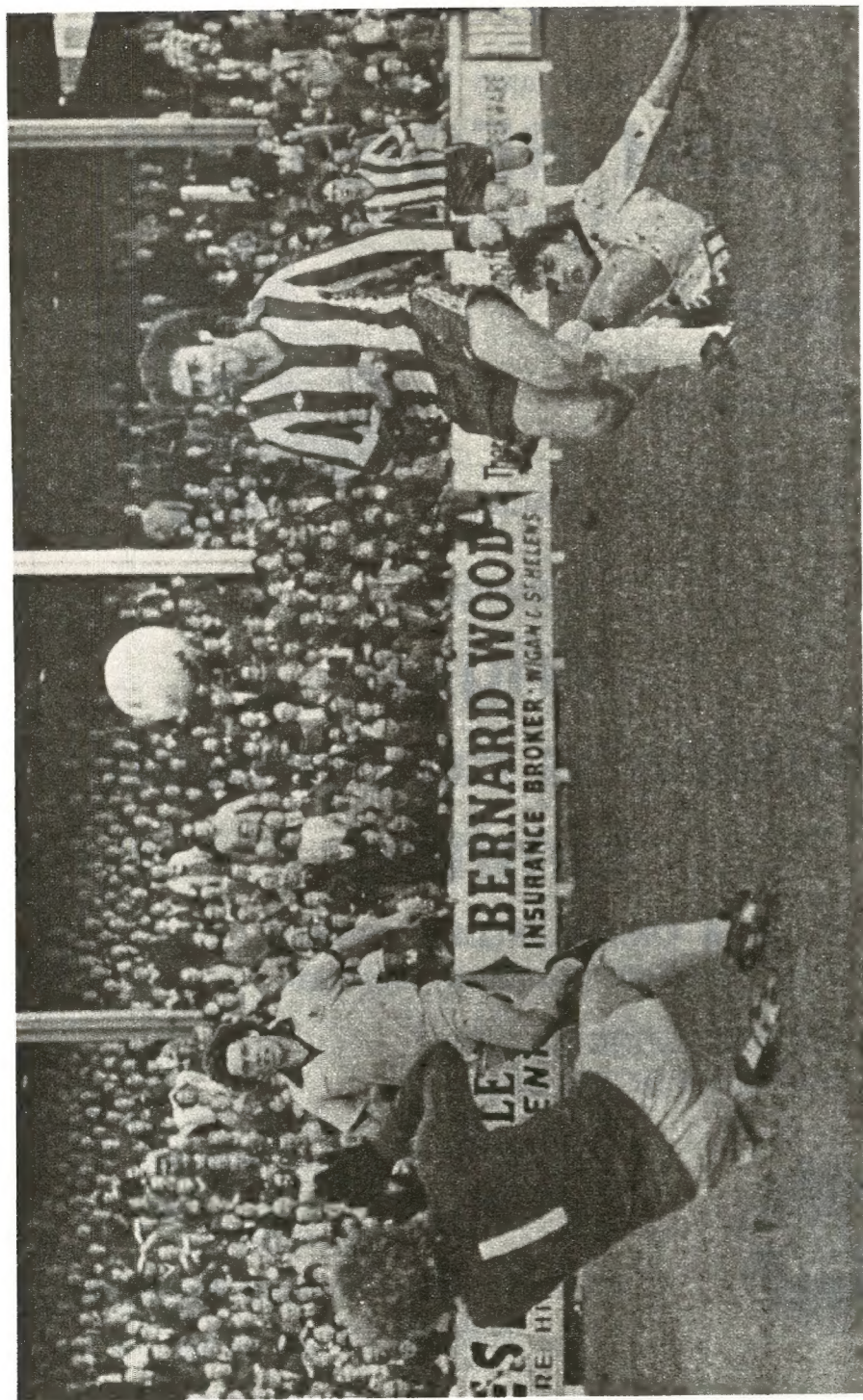
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GOING AWAY BY CAR ?

For those fans wishing to travel by car to the match at Newport on Friday, 10th Nov., the RAC route guide is as follows : Take the M6 Motorway and link up with the M5 (Southbound), then the M4 (Westbound). Leave the M4 Motorway at Intersection No. 24 as signposted "Newport A.48". Enter Newport on the A.48 Chepstow Road. Turn left into Somerton Road to Somerton Park and Newport County A.F.C. ground.

Focus on KEVIN SMART

<i>Full Name :</i>	Kevin Graham Smart.
<i>Birthplace :</i>	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
<i>Birthdate :</i>	17/10/58.
<i>Height :</i>	5ft. 9ins.
<i>Weight :</i>	11 stone 4 lbs.
<i>Previous Clubs :</i>	Plymouth Argyle.
<i>Married :</i>	No.
<i>Children :</i>	? ? ? ?
<i>Car :</i>	Not yet.
<i>Favourite player :</i>	Rainor Bonhof (W. Germany)
<i>Favourite other team :</i>	Leeds United.
<i>Most difficult opponent :</i>	—
<i>Most memorable match :</i>	Debut for Plymouth against Luton.
<i>Biggest thrill :</i>	Playing at Wembley Pool (five-a-side)
<i>Biggest disappointment :</i>	Not being selected for England Youth.
<i>Best country visited :</i>	Germany. Geordie-land.
<i>Favourite food :</i>	Steak, Scampi.
<i>Miscellaneous likes :</i>	Watching Sport.
<i>Miscellaneous dislikes :</i>	Smoke-filled rooms.
<i>Favourite TV shows :</i>	Professionals. Match of The Day.
<i>Favourite singers :</i>	E.L.O., Donna Summer.
<i>Favourite actors :</i>	Steve McQueen, Jackie Bisset, Paul Newman.
<i>Best friend:</i>	Hope to have many.
<i>Biggest influence on career :</i>	Bob Howe and Tony Waiters.
<i>Biggest drag in soccer :</i>	Bad referees.
<i>International honours :</i>	None.
<i>Personal ambition :</i>	To be successful and happy.
<i>Professional ambition :</i>	To play in the First Division.
<i>If not in football, what would you like to be :</i>	Don't know.
<i>Which person in the world would you most like to meet :</i>	The Queen giving out F.A. Cup winners medals



Wigan centre-forward Peter Houghton, back in the side after injury, almost opened his scoring account against Northampton on Saturday, but this effort went just over the crossbar.

(Picture by courtesy of the "Wigan Observer")

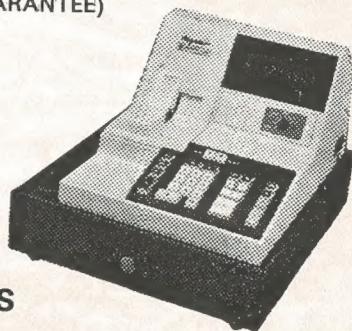
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LATICS LINE

by Nick Duxbury



"Give us the status and we will get the crowds," was one of Latics most well used election crys during the 40-odd years it took to gain admission to that most exclusive of clubs—the Football League.

Throughout "the Long March", Latics were convinced that Springfield Park lay on top of an untapped reservoir of support, despite its position slap bang in the middle of the country's most overcrowded soccer county.

Out in the hustings, vote hunting Latics, armed with FA Cup match receipts for ammunition, said clubs need not fear they would be electing a 'lame duck'.

The non-league dam had only to be breached and Latics would be carried away on a flood of support.

In June the dam was broken at the 35th attempt and the first two months of League life have shown that Latics claims were not mere boasts.

With 'gates' averaging 6,000 plus even after a defeat-ridden breaking-in spell, no-one can say Latics were wrong.

The novelty value of the first League season doubtless plays a part and a more accurate indication of the average attendance Latics can expect will come next season.

Even so, Latics can be sure that they have the support to survive. Last Saturday's 6,264 'gate' against Northampton was the second highest in Division 4, and better than six in Division 3.

A 6,000 attendance might be paltry compared with Liverpool's huge derby day crowd, but it was interesting to note that on the same afternoon, five Division 2 'gates' were under 10,000, with Latics only 800 behind Orient.

Latics may still be small-time newcomers, but the support is there—a vital factor if Latics are ever to grow into one of the North's top clubs.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

A third of the season has now passed, 15 league games have brought us 15 points, that, considering such a bad start, is very satisfactory. Looking back it is interesting to analyse the games played.

Game 1—Hereford, away, brought in a good point with the result a 0-0 draw.

Game 2—Grimsby, at home, 0-3. This was quite a bombshell, in this game Grimsby made it perfectly clear that we were in the 4th Division of the Football League, and not playing in non-league football.

Game 3—Reading, away, 0-2. This is a hard game for any club and a 2-0 lose was, I think, fairly respectable.

Game 4—Newport, home, 2-3. This was probably our worst result so far, we were completely shattered by three quick goals and started our come-back too late.

Game 5—Wimbledon, away, 1-2. Very unlucky to lose. After being in the lead for most of the game a lucky goal and disputed penalty beat us in the last 20 minutes.

Game 6—Rochdale, home, 3-0. First league win.

Game 7—Bradford City, home, 1-3. Another disappointment.

Game 8—York City, away, 1-0. A good win, giving the lads quite a confidence booster.

Game 9—Portsmouth, away, 0-1. Portsmouth appeared to be a good side and we held them until the 78th minute. Our performance was praised by the Portsmouth Board.

Game 10—Scunthorpe, home, 1-0. Good win.

Game 11—Huddersfield, away, 1-1. Could have won this.

Game 12—Doncaster, home, 1-0. Good win.

Game 13—Halifax, home, 1-0. Rather a disappointing game but two points.

Game 14—Barnsley, away, 0-0. A very good point well won.

Game 15—Northampton, home, 2-0. Probably our best performance of the season, a workmanlike win.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL — FRIENDLY

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Line-up

WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Blue and White Stripes)

- 1 John Brown
- 2 Kevin Smart
- 3 Joe Hinnigan
- 4 Tommy Gore
- 5 Noel Ward
- 6 Dave Fretwell
- 7 Frank Corrigan
- 8 Jeff Wright
- 9 Mickey Moore
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Ian Purdie
- 12 Derek Brownbill

DUNDEE

- 1 Donaldson
- 2 Barr
- 3 Caldwell
- 4 Williamson
- 5 Glennie
- 6 Watson
- 7 Lamb
- 8 Redford
- 9 Sinclair
- 10 Shirra
- 11 McGhee
- 12 Schaedler

Referee: Mr. D. SHAW (Sandbach)

Linesmen: Mr. J. B. Robinson (Wigan) Red Flag
Mr. A. Cale (Wigan) Yellow Flag

OPINION

by Harold Ashurst



Tonight's match with Dundee illustrates another of the changes for the better since Latics were elected to the Fourth Division.

Can you imagine the outcry if the club had announced 12 months ago when they were still in the Premier League, that they were going to play a midweek friendly?

Now things in the League are different. Latics are not playing religiously on Saturdays and midweek like they were last year, they are not involved in preliminary rounds of cups like the Premier League Trophy and Junior Cup, and matches like tonight's can be fitted in at great benefit to the team.

Already this season Wigan have played a friendly, against the Zambians, and a crowd of over 2,000 turned up to watch.

I have no doubt that manager Ian McNeill likes the situation the way it is, with players playing just the one game on the Saturday, but he must welcome a friendly for a number of reasons.

For instance, a midweek game will break up the normal routine the players go through and it will give him a chance to give some players, not currently in the first team picture, a taste of first team atmosphere in front of a decent sized crowd.

For the fans too, it will be a change from the normal Fourth Division rigours. They can watch a match with nothing at stake, with the players free of tension and see some faces they may not have seen so far this season.

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1978			F-A
August—			
18—Blackpool 'A'	H	2-1	
25—Southport Res.	H	1-1	
September—			
2—Everton 'A'	A	2-1	
9—Chester 'A'	H	1-3	
15—Tranmere R. Res.	A	0-0	
16—			
23—Bradford City Res.	H	5-0	
30—Liverpool 'A'	A	1-2	
October—			
7—Rochdale Res.	H	2-2	
14—Rochdale Res.	A	0-1	
21—Carlisle Utd. Res.	H	2-0	
27—Stockport County 'A'	A	8-0	
November—			
11—Tranmere R. Res.	H		
18—Crewe Alex 'A'	A		
25—Manchester City 'A'	A		
December—			
2—Blackpool 'A'	A		
9—Port Vale Res.	H		
16—Chester 'A'	A		
23—Macclesfield T. Res.	H		
26—			
30—Morecambe Res.	A		

1979			F-A
January—			
1—Oldham Ath. Res.	H (Mn.)		
6—Morecambe Res.	H		
13—Port Vale Res.	A		
20—Manchester City 'A'	H		
27—Macclesfield T. Res.	A		
February—			
3—Bradford City Res.	A		
10—Crewe Alex Res.	H		
17—Manchester Utd. 'A'	A		
24—Oldham Ath. Res.	A		
March—			
3—Carlisle Res.	A		
10—Stockport County 'A'	H		
17—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A		
24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	H		
31—Wrexham Res.	A		
April—			
7—Manchester Utd. 'A'	H		
13—Southport Res.	A (Fri.)		
15—Wrexham Res.	H		
16—			
21—Liverpool 'A'	H		
28—			
May—			
5—Everton 'A'	H		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV

(up to and including 28th October, 1978)

	Home							Away							
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Reading	15	7	1	0	19	4	2	3	2	8	9	22			
Grimsby	15	4	2	2	16	9	4	2	1	10	4	20			
Barnsley	15	4	2	1	13	6	3	4	1	8	5	20			
Portsmouth	15	5	1	1	10	2	3	1	4	13	14	18			
Torquay	15	5	1	1	12	5	3	1	4	8	14	18			
Stockport	15	5	1	1	13	2	1	4	3	11	14	17			
Aldershot	15	3	3	1	11	5	2	4	2	8	9	17			
Hartlepool	15	3	3	2	15	11	3	2	2	6	10	17			
Bournemouth	15	4	1	2	11	5	2	3	3	5	5	16			
Hereford	15	3	4	0	9	2	2	1	5	8	10	15			
Northampton	15	4	3	0	14	6	1	2	5	8	15	15			
WIGAN ATHLETIC	15	5	0	3	11	9	1	3	3	3	6	15			
York	15	4	2	2	10	9	2	1	4	5	12	15			
Scunthorpe	15	5	0	2	12	7	0	4	4	4	9	14			
Port Vale	15	0	5	2	9	11	4	0	4	14	12	13			
Newport	15	1	3	4	8	12	3	2	2	11	10	13			
Darlington	15	2	3	3	8	6	2	1	4	7	11	12			
Huddersfield	15	4	3	1	12	6	0	1	6	4	13	12			
Bradford City	15	3	2	3	13	12	2	0	5	7	16	12			
Crewe	15	2	2	4	11	16	1	4	2	5	12	12			
Doncaster	15	2	4	2	9	9	1	1	5	8	16	11			
Rochdale	15	1	3	3	5	9	0	3	5	4	19	8			
Halifax	15	1	1	5	3	11	0	1	7	5	18	4			

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